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RESPONSE "A"

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 28, 2008, having a response being due with a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on by March 28, 2008, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

In the Official Action, Restriction was required between the two (2) inventions identified in the original application. In particular, Restriction was required between the subject matter of Group I, namely Claims 1 - 40 as drawn to an extended release osmo-microsealed formulation of venlafaxine; and Group II, namely Claims 41 - 48 as drawn to a process of preparing an extended release osmo-microsealed formulation .

Applicant herein elects the subject matter of Group I, namely Claims 1 - 40, as drawn to an extended release osmo-microsealed formulation of venlafaxine. Applicant reserves the right to take

such other measures as may be appropriate, such as the filing of a divisional application, so as to protect the subject matter of the non-elected invention.

An Official Action on the merits is in order and such is respectively requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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